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MEMORANDUM FOR: Project Director

SUBJECT : Revision of Current Mission Status Report

25X1 1. Coincident with your criticism of CMSR 19 with regard to the unexplained order in listing of missions and the use of A, B, and C as footnote references (references not shown) is the fact that [ ] 25X1 [ ] who in HTAUTOMAT is responsible for the preparation of the CMSR, has been confused by his own creation in some similar and some different ways and was engaged in revision. The lack of chronology in mission presentation in the case of CMSR 19 arose from a bureaucratic afterthought since 4035 and 4036 reporting had been discontinued since they were virtually complete. The A, B, and C footnote references were used as a means of distinguishing between the prints which were being reported on the same line. [ ] recognizes this as bad editing. 25X1

25X1 2. Our discussion of the format used in the CMSR is leading to other changes. Thus, e.g., ETA is really not meaningful. What would be meaningful is an estimated time of completion, a date scheduled in advance by [ ] to which we could look forward, and by comparison with arrival dates, really get some measure of ability in general to meet schedules. However, this idea must be discussed with [ ] 25X1 who is not available this week.

3. In view of the fact that the CMSR has indeed proved of great use in the community in knowing where things are and has vastly reduced telephone inquiries in several places and eased nerves likewise, we do want it to be accurate and as useful as possible. Accordingly, a draft of a revision of the left hand column will be discussed shortly with the consumers, and you may wish to see whether there are additional things which you would like to suggest. I will make a copy of that draft available to you.

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1-Prof Dir [ ]

3-HTA OCR

6-SAPC chrono

4&5-IRU

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